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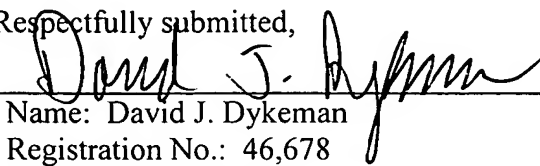
CONCLUSION

This Preliminary Amendment is submitted to correct typographical errors in the Preliminary Amendment filed on December 11, 2002.

Applicants submits that all claims are allowable as written and respectfully requests early favorable action by the Examiner. If the Examiner believes that a telephone conversation with Applicants' attorney would expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is cordially invited to call the undersigned attorney of record.

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MARKED-UP VERSION OF AMENDMENT:

Claim Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(c)(1)(ii)

Please amend claim 78 as follows:

78. (Amended) An ultrasonic medical device comprising:
- an elongated, flexible probe having a plurality of intervals along a longitudinal axis of the elongated, flexible probe, wherein each interval has a varying diameter;
- a [distal] proximal end of the longitudinal axis having a largest diameter of the probe; and
- a [proximal] distal end of the longitudinal axis having a smallest diameter of the probe,
- wherein the probe can support a transverse ultrasonic vibration along the longitudinal axis to ablate cells along at least a portion of the longitudinal axis of the probe.